Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey
June 8, 1959

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

From time to time I have enjoyed your interesting writings in the Numismatist and have made good use of them, for example, your article on Counterfeit Continental Currency.

My interests lie chiefly in paper money (Colonials, Continentals, obsoletes, scrip, etc.) of which I understand you have one of the finest collections in the United States. I have been told this by several people who know you and particularly by William H. Dillistin, who is a member of my club, the New Jersey Numismatic Society.

I collect broken bank notes from all states and Canada, but at the moment am trying to assemble a nice collection of Maine notes. My interest there is that I own an historical house near Wiscasset, Maine to which I hope to retire someday.

In assembling a great collection, you undoubtedly have acquired a number of duplicate notes. In writing to you, I am hopeful that you might have some Maine notes which you could be willing to sell to me.

My Maine collection at the moment consists of only 65 notes, a list enclosed. If you have some duplicates which I do not have, or which would improve the condition of my notes, they would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

George W. Wait
GEORGE W. WAIT

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Enc.

MAINE

	Agricultural Bank	$5	EF	18
	Agricultural Bank	$5	Unc	18) Sheet
	Agricultural Bank	10 Cents	Unc	18)
	Bank of Commerce	10 Cents	G	Nov. 1862
	Bank of Commerce	15 Cents	G	Nov. 1862
	Bank of Commerce	25 Cents	G	Nov. 1862
	Bank of the Georgia Lumber Co.	$1	VG	1845
	Bank of Old Town	$5	VF	1836
	Bank of Westbrook	$5	VF	1836
	Belfast Bank	$2	P	1860
	Canton Bank	$2	VG	1855
	Canton Bank	$3	Fn	1855
	Chadbourne & Kendall	25 Cents	G	ND
	Citizens Bank	$50	Unc	1841
	Eastern Bank	$5	VF	1863
	Eastern Bank	$5	VG	1863 Maine Bank
	Eastern Bank	$5	F	1863 Counterfeit
	Exchange Bank	$5	VG	1851
	Frankfort Bank	$1	F	18
	Frankfort Bank	$5	VF	1836
	Hallowell & Aug Bank	$1	VF	1818
	Hancock Bank	$2	Fn	1853
	Katahdin Iron Works	50 Cents	Unc	ND
	Kenduskeag Bank	$1	Fn	1852
	Lincoln County Bank	$1	F	1862
	Lincoln County Bank	$2	VG	1862
	Lincoln County Bank	$3	EF	1862

Maine Bank	$2	F	1805	
New England Bank	$10	Unc	1857	
New England Bank	$20	Unc	1857	
Passamaquoddy Bank	$5	G	1819	
Passamaquoddy Bank	$5	EF	1824	Different Design
Pembroke Iron Co.	10 Cents	F	Jan. 1863	
Rockland Bank	$10	VF	1857	
Sanford Bank	$1	Unc	1861	Green Design
Sanford Bank	$1	F	1860	Red "
Sanford Bank	$2	Unc	1861	Green "
Sanford Bank	$2	VG	1860	Red "
Sanford Bank	$3	VG	1860	Red Overprint
Sanford Bank	$5	Unc	1861	Green Design
Sanford Bank	$5	VG	1860	Red Design
Sanford Bank	$10	Unc	1861	Green Design
Sanford Bank	$50	Unc	1860	Red Overprint
Searsport Bank	$1	Unc	18	
Searsport Bank	$2	Unc	18	
Searsport Bank	$3	Unc	18	
Searsport Bank	$5	Unc	18	

MAINE

Ship Builders Bank	$1	VG	1855
" " "	$2	VF	1854
" " "	$3	VG	1853
" " "	$5	F	1853
" " "	$10	F	1853
~~Fredericton~~ Stillwater Canal Bank	$5	Unc	1840
Tyler, O.F.	10 cents	F	Dec. 1862
Veazie Bank	5 cents	VG	Nov. 1862
" "	10 cents	F	November 1862
" "	25 cents	VG	Nov. 1862
Washington County Bank	$1	VF	1839
" " "	$2	EF	1839
" " "	$3	EF	1839
" " "	$5	EF	1835
" " "	$10	EF	1835
Wiscasset Bank	$5	VF	1817

June 15, 1959

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wait:

Thank you for your nice letter of June 8, 1959. I have a nice collection of Maine bank notes but, unfortunately, I do not sell items from my collection. I will, however, exchange duplicates but do not have any Maine duplicates which you do not have.

There are a few items which are altered bank notes which I am not too excited about and which I might part with in exchange for Western bank notes. Maybe you have some notes which I need and might like these altered notes better.

Market Bank, Maine, altered from Waubeck Bank, Nebraska

Merchants Bank, Maine, altered from Merchants Bank, District of Columbia

Manufacturer's Bank, Maine, altered from Manufacturer's Bank, District of Columbia

Rockland Bank, Maine, altered from Shipbuilders Bank, Maine

Bank of Commerce, Maine, altered from Southern Bank of Georgia

Hollowell Bank, Maine, altered from Bank of Jacksonville, Florida

I know that your interest in paper money has brought you a lot of pleasure. In addition to collecting, my pleasure is derived also from doing research on coins and currency of the early American period.

June 15, 1959

Perhaps you have seen my monograph which was just published by A.N.S. and for which I had to do a little research on the famous Castine, Maine hoard of coins. I will have another item in the Numismatist, shortly.

I appreciate your comments concerning the Counterfeit Continental Currency article which has been rewritten for publication in England. I am enclosing a reprint of it for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Market Bk	Wanhel
Merchants Bk	Merch DC
Mfgr Bk	Mfg Bk DC
Rockland Bk	Shipbuilders
Bk of Commerce	So Bk of Ga
Hallowell Bk	Bk of Jacksonville, Fla

Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey
June 22, 1959

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN, Assistant Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I enjoyed your letter and wish to thank you for the reprint of your article "Counterfeit Continental Currency Goes to War." As you suggested, it will be more convenient to use in this form.

Sorry that you do not have any genuine Maine notes to sell or trade me. However, our mutual friend Dillistin has made me aware of altered notes and sometimes I try to match them up with originals. I have no altered Maine notes (that I know of,) and if we can work out a mutually satisfactory trade, it might open up for me a new facet of this great paper money hobby.

You undoubtedly have all the Western notes that I have, but I will list some from Illinois and Indiana. I have none of your state. Will list Nebraska and Ohio next time. Here goes:

Illinois

Chicago Marine Ins. Co.	$1	-VG-F	Unsigned
Illinois and Michigan Canal	2.50	-VF	(on back of State Bank)
Thomas Long	.05 cents	-Unc.	(cancelled)

Indiana

Bank of the State of Indiana	$5	-VF	1857
Bell, Garretson & Co.	50 cents	-VF	1862
Brookville Branch Bank	6-1/4 cents	-G	1818
Brown & Telford	25 cents	-F	1862
Commercial Bank, Terre Haute	$2	-VG	1858
Manufacturers Bank	3	-VG	1858
State Bank of Indiana	1	-F	1848
" " "	20	-G	1839
Fort Wayne & Southern R. R. Co.	1	-Unc	1854
" " " "	3	-EF	1854
LaPorte & Plymouth Plank Road Co.	2	-VG-F	1857
Fort Wayne & Southern R. R. Co.	5	-Unc	1854

If you should be interested in any of the above, will send them for your inspection and trade offer. Please bear in mind that the conditions shown are not positively correct. Everyone has their own ideas about grading.

I have no trouble with Unc, EF and possibly VF, but in lesser grades there could be a difference of opinion. As a matter of fact, I've seen dealers classify folded and torn notes as uncirculated, and you've probably had dozens of such experiences.

John Ford says you could help me out in another matter. I have a Continental of September 26, 1778 signed by J. Wilson, also one of January 14, 1779 signed by Jas. Wilson. I'm not a handwriting expert but I notice that James Wilson (James in full) signed the Declaration and the Constitution. Different people or the same? I've heard that James Wilson did sign some Continental notes. Did any other signers of those documents also sign Continental notes? I know that Hopkinson, Hart, Clymer and Morton signed Colonial notes. Any others?

Best regards,

GEORGE WAIT

Will be glad to send the Continentals with Wilson signatures for your inspection if you wish.

June 26, 1959

Mr. George Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wait:

Please let me have your list of Nebraska notes and any you have from Wisconsin, Iowa, Arkansas or Kansas.

I find there are several Indiana notes which I do not have and would like to examine them.

Bank of the State of Indiana - $5

LaPorte & Plymouth Road Co. - $2

Fort Wayne & Southern R.R. - $1 and $3

As to your problem with respect to James Wilson, on the Continental notes, I wish to advise you that the following persons were authorized to sign notes:

Daniel Wistar
James Wilson
Joseph Wilson
Joseph Walter
James Walker

Please check your signatures carefully as the old-fashioned "S" in the name of D. Wistar looks very much like J.Wilson. I have never determined whether the James Wilson, who was a signer, was the same man who signed the Declaration. Most of the signers of the notes were from Philadelphia. I will send you the details on the signers who signed Colonial notes in my next letter. If you want to send your Wilson signatures for inspection you may feel free to do so.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey
July 16, 1959

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN, Assistant Vice President
EDISON BROTHERS STORES, INC.
400 WASHINGTON AVE.
ST. LOUIS 2, MISSOURI

Dear Mr. Newman:

As requested, I enclose these notes:

$5 Bank of the State of Indiana - #1508
$2 LaPorte & Plymouth Road Co. - #6381
$1 Fort Wayne & Southern Railroad Co. - #1858
$3 " " " " " " - #2957
$5 " " " " " " - #2032

This last you did not ask for, but I thought you might like to make a comparison with your note - there seems to be differences in notes even when issued on the same date.

I am also sending these Continental notes for signature check as to James Wilson:

9/26/78 - $50 - #113359
9/26/78 - $60 -
1/14/79 - $70 - #26136

Lastly, I am sending a 10 cent note of 1863 drawn on the Freeman's Bank of Augusta, no state shown. Muscalus does not list this bank. Would you know the state, perhaps Maine or Georgia?

Listing of other notes:

Nebraska

Bank of DeSota - $1, $2, $3
Bank of Florence - $2, $3, $5
Bank of Tekama - $1
City of Omaha - $1, $3, $5
Omaha City Bank & Land Co. - $1
Wauŝek Bank - $3

Kansas
Merchants Bank - $3

Minnesota
City of St. Paul - 10 cents

Best Regards,

GEORGE WAIT

Enc.

July 24, 1959

Mr.G. W.Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 16, 1959, sent to Mr. Newman Air Mail Insured.

Mr. Newman is on vacation at present and your letter will be brought to his attention upon his return to the office.

Very truly yours,

Ann Barrett
Secretary to Mr.Newman

September 4,1959

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge,New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wait:

After clearing away my business mail, I can now get down to the other correspondence which accumulated during my vacation.

You have given me some very interesting problems.

The note on the Freeman's Bank is issued in Augusta, Maine. Mr. Hallett was the President of the Freeman's Bank, which became Freeman's NationalBank.

The 1779 Continental note with the signature of Jas. Wilson is not the signature of the signer of the Declaration of Independence and therefore there must have been two James Wilson's.

The signatures on the two 1778 notes are virtually identical with the signature of the signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Wilson. The high central stoke of the "W" and the flat top of the "N" are exactly like the signature of the signer of the Declaration.

Ordinarily one would assume that when one found James Wilson's signature that the other signature would stand for Jos. Wilson but it would be very coincidental if "J.Wilson" as signed on these notes did not stand for James Wilson, the Declaration signer, since the signature is so identical.

I think you have some very unusual items and it now becomes necessary to checkthe Journals of the Continental Congress to see whether both James Wilson's were appointed as signers.

I am enclosing six notes from Maine which you do not have. I am keeping four which you sent me and returning one. If you would send me the Merchants Bank of Kansas $3 and the St. Paul Minnesota 10¢, then we would have a mutually beneficial note-for-note exchange.

September 4, 1959

I found in my file a picture of a Maine note which Smedley apparently owns and it will do you more good than it will me.

I am also returning the three Continental notes and the Freeman's Bank piece.

I hope I have been of service to you in helping your Maine collection along and if you wish to list any more notes from other states, please feel free to do so.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey
September 16, 1959

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN, Assistant Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

My turn to be a little delayed in answering your letter of September 4th. I spent a few weeks in Maine and returned the end of last week to find a great backlog of correspondence.

I understand you went to Russia - if so, I imagine you found it most interesting and certainly the country "in the news" these days. By the way, your secretary, Mrs. Barrett, did a nice job of informing me that my letter had arrived and would await your return from vacation.

Many thanks for your information on the Freeman's Bank and the James Wilson signatures. I was, of course, glad to learn of your identification of "J. Wilson" rather than "Jas. Wilson" as being the Declaration signer, since I have notes of several denominations signed by the former and only one of Jas. Wilson.

It just wouldn't be "good business" for me to accept your offer of trade, six western notes mostly in nice condition for six Maine notes in average condition. Western notes are more expensive. I figure my $3 Kansas note alone cost me about $30 in other notes and I've decided to keep it, especially since I have added the $2 denomination.

When I wrote you early in July, I was holding a duplicate $3 Merchants of Kansas note on approval from a mail order dealer. It was priced at $20 and I felt that if you offered me an attractive assortment of Maine notes, I would buy it for the trade. When I learned you were on vacation, I returned it to the dealer. I understand you have a wonderful collection of Kansas notes and since I've seen two of these notes, you undoubtedly have one - but if not, I'll be glad to give you the dealer's name and address in case you want to purchase it. By the way, this same dealer just sold me two Maine notes in only "fair" condition for $.60 each. I'll use them as space fillers until better ones show. I didn't think in these times any note was priced less than a dollar or two.

I enjoyed reading your article on Machin's Mills in the last issue of "Empire Topics". Orange Lake is about six miles from where I was born, near Montgomery and Walden, New York. When I was a kid, a trolley car ran from Walden to Newburgh via Orange Lake. At that time, Orange Lake was noted principally for its amusement park with roller coaster, games of chance, etc. I haven't been there in years, so don't know if the amusement park is still there, but of course, the trolley line is long since gone.

I also know Samuel Eager (descendent of the historian) who is now an important judge in New York State. The Eager family lived in Montgomery.

Since our trade is off, I am returning your notes, also the picture of the $10 Merchants Bank of Portland, since you probably feel it should remain with the $3 altered note of that bank. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

George

GEORGE WAIT

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enc.

September 29, 1959

Mr. George Wait
Post Office Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wait:

I am returning herewith the four Indiana notes which you sent and I certainly don't want you to be dissatisfied with any exchange. If there are any of the Maine notes which I sent you which you would like to have in place of either the St.Paul scrip or any of the Indiana pieces I will be glad to make the exchange. This eliminates the problem concerning the value of the western note.

As far as the picture of the Portland note is concerned, you will enjoy it more than I and I am enclosing it.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey
October 5, 1959

Mr. ERIC P. NEWMAN, Assistant Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for the return of the notes and for the picture of the $10 Merchants Bank note.

Now I have a trade proposition that may interest you.

(a) The two Fort Wayne and Southern Railroad Co. notes and the St. Paul note (all enclosed) for the Merchants Bank of Maine altered note and any two large size Maine bank notes in crisp uncirculated condition, providing they are not now in my collection and are not of the Georgia Lumber Company.

or

(b) Any one of the three notes enclosed for one uncirculated Maine note. Would also be interested in notes of the Wiscasset Bank in VF or better.

The reason I suspect the St. Paul note in lesser condition is equal to a better Maine note is that a New York dealer once offered me two nice New Jersey notes in exchange for it. I would not want to swap the St. Paul note for the Merchants note by itself.

Since I have added more Maine notes recently, I have these in my collection in addition to those previously listed:

Hancock Bank - $3
American Bank - $1, $2, $3, $10
Georgia Lumber Co. - $2
Veazie Bank - 50¢
Bank of Hallowell - $10
Kenduskeag Bank - $5
Medomak Bank - $3
Mousam River Bank - $1

I have recently acquired a St. Louis note which is not for sale or trade but am sending you a picture of it in case you do not own one. This note advertises Martin's Clothing, but it seems unusual to me in that it was engraved by a regular bank note company, Rawdon, Wright and Hatch, New York. Thought you might like it for your files.

Sincerely,

GEORGE WIL

GWW:EMA

October 19, 1959

Mr. George Wait
P.O.Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wait:

I have a simple suggestion. I am enclosing herewith two altered notes for your St.Paul notes and am returning the two Fort Wayne notes which you sent me. This will give us each something we will enjoy a little more. I hope this is helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Enc.

Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey
October 28, 1959

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN, Assistant Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your thought on trading the two altered Maine notes for my St. Paul was a happy one, and I am well satisfied.

However, I am curious as to why you know the Oxford Bank note is altered, and it does raise a question as to whether most of these are altered:

$5	Agricultural Bank, Brewer,	not dated
5	Bank of Westbrook, Westbrook	1836
5	Frankfort Bank, Frankfort	1836
5	Oxford Bank, Fryeburg	1837
5	Washington County Bank,	1835

all Maine

All of the above are identical in design, printer, etc. Names of bank, location and signatures are different. If the Oxford Bank is altered, supposedly it was from the Washington County Bank, since that is the oldest. I have no record of when that bank closed. If you have any thoughts on these notes, or just the Oxford Bank, they would be appreciated at any time.

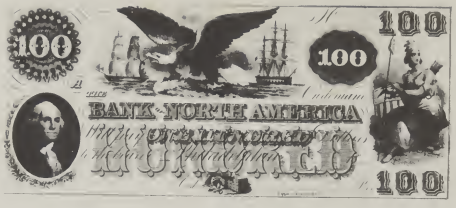
If you wish, I have a few other Western notes, mostly Indiana, which would be available for trade for regular Maine notes.

Best regards,

George

GEORGE WAIT

GEORGE W WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY



March 2, 1964

Dear Mr. Newman:

An pleased to enclose your 1964 membership card in the Society. I guess you know we would always be glad to have an article by you for publication in "Paper Money".

In answer to your question - I am a collector, not a dealer. True, for about six or seven years I have gradually been selling off my coin collection and in paper money I sell my duplicates. I figure anything I have in duplicate you would not want.

There may be areas in which we could do some swapping although our attempts along that line a few years ago ended in failure.

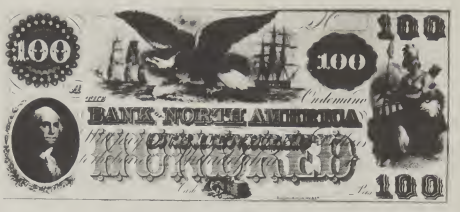
At present I have something which I like but you might like more - an uncut regular size proof sheet, india on larger original card, denominations 1-2-3-5, Clark's Banking Houses. Central Vignette shows their locations as Boston, Philadelphia, New York, St. Louis and Burlington, Iowa. Engraved date of 1850, issued from Philadelphia but payable at E. W. Clark & Brothers, Bankers, St. Louis. By scarce engraver Wellstood, Benson & Hanks, New York. Unlisted in Wismer and Muscalus. As a possibly unique western item this should be worth a great many late Maine proofs!

Sincerely,

George Wait

Enc.

GEORGE W WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY



August 1, 1964

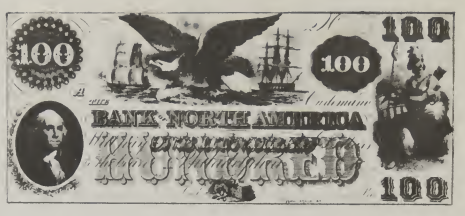
Dear Mr. Newman,

When I purchased the Freeman collections of Bank of North America and Bank of the U.S., Harley mentioned that you might be interested in certain of the notes. For your information, I am offering in the ANA Auction as lot #1098 a one penny note of the Bank of North America and as lot #1099 a $3000 note of the Bank of the United States.

Sincerely,

George Wait

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY



December 15, 1966

Dear Eric,

I just received notice from Whitman that your new book is well under way and will be out in a few weeks. Originally, I had thought that this book would cover only Colonial and Continental Currency but from its title I now get the impression that it may cover such things as the small denominational notes (1, 2, 3 pence etc.) issued around 1789-96. I have a large collection of these notes so if you need any data from them, I could probably supply it. I also have a number of special notes issued by the various states such as Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North Carolina etc. but these are more in the nature of promissory notes rather than currency so may not be included in your book.

I expect an expanded interest in notes of this period when your new book becomes available. I look forward to reading it.

Best regards,

George

December 21, 1966

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

Your very nice letter of December 15, 1966 is appreciated. My book will terminate with the ratification of the Constitution of the United States and, therefore, items from the year 1789 will be included.

I have avoided including non-circulating notes in the book but I am certainly interested in knowing about any of them which you have which I may not know about, such as the Pennsylvania, North Carolina, etc. which you mention.

I am very anxious to have an inventory of your holdings in the small change notes of the 1789-96 period and wonder if it would be possible for you to Xerox your pieces showing both sides. I am sure at least 20 of them could be put on one Xerox sheet. This would save you the trouble of listing them and give me the opportunity of checking them against my information on that subject.

The best collection of these notes was in the New York State Library, in Albany which, apparently, were destroyed by fire when the State House burned down.

I sincerely hope that my EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA will reflect all of the work which I have put into it and I am hopeful that people, like yourself, will be able to add matters to it for subsequent publication.

Best regards for the Holidays.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ENN/stb

January 11, 1967

Mr.George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Wait:

Are you planning to be at the ANS Annual meeting and lecture on Saturday, January 14, 1967, or at the meeting of the New York Numismatic Club the evening before? I will probably be there and would very much enjoy talking with you.

Thank you, so much, for the photocopies of the little paper change notes. I particularly would appreciate it if you could either send me or bring to the meeting the threepence dated Newcastle April 9, 1777 note as I would like to make a nice picture of it.

The first time we meet it would be worthwhile if we could discuss ideas as to how this interesting period of change notes should be presented.

Thank you, again, for your prompt cooperation and courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 27, 1967

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

I am returning herewith your Delaware three-pence dated April 9, 1777 and thank you for lending it to me.

In due course I will work over the other small change notes and will contact you as to the best way of presenting them if a write up of the matter is undertaken.

If you care to dispose of any of these little devils at any time I would be most interested in some.

I appreciate your wholehearded cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

CERTIFIED MAIL;
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 19, 1969

Mr. George Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

Thank you for sending me the 1865 Hodges. I note that the Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, etc. are eliminated from the book as casualties of the Civil War, but Louisiana remains. Curious?

I wanted this edition for my set of Hodges and if there is any willingness on your part to part with it I would be most interested. I had asked Hoober to bid on it for me, but he apparently yielded to you. If you bought the 1858 edition (which I already have), then, perhaps, the equities of the situation might let me obtain this one from you. Mine are always available for loan, just as you have done.

I certainly get as much kick out of studying paper money as coins and I hope those of you specializing in paper will tolerate one who is ambivalent.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN
atb

Box 165
Glen Ridge, N. J.
May 22, 1969

Dear Eric:

It was nice to hear from you again. In respect to counterfeit detectors, I bought all of them offered in the Osmun sale (except lot #1699) mainly because I wanted to help the Society's researchers. In addition to that Hodges, I bought Van Court, Peterson, Days, Thompson, Imlay & Bicknell, etc. So far I have given photo copies of their information to the researchers for Indiana, New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Be glad to give you Missouri if you wish, but I suspect you're pretty well set.

As it turned out, I should have bought the 1859 Hodges, but I wanted the later one and expected to pay more for it. I bid $160 for a Hodges a year or so ago in a numismatic book auction for Roy Pennell and he didn't get it. Of course, no one knows how high the other bidder for #1699 would have gone and it might have meant substantially higher prices for both books.

You've made an interesting observation about the omission of several of the southern states in that book. The only reason I can think of as to why Louisiana was left in was that New Orleans was a banking center, recaptured early in the war (spring of 1862) and banking operations there continued under Federal control. For example, the "Forced Issues."

My main criticism of our new book program is that many of our researchers are careless or are unwilling to devote enough time to their project to do a thorough, complete job. Too, many are specialists in their own state and don't recognize such things as notes altered from other states. It makes it tough for those of us doing checking and editing.

Please don't think I dislike coins - I started out as a coin collector and still have a fair collection. I became interested in colonial paper money (I like your book!) and worked from there up to the present in paper. I think this is the opposite to most paper money collectors. Most of them start with the present and never get far enough back!

Best regards,

George Wait

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 28, 1969

Mr. George Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of May 22, 1969.

The Hodges is being returned under separate cover and I appreciate the opportunity of studying its pagination, and coverage.

As you may know, we have a very large collection of bank note lists and detectors and have also been furnishing those to researchers who needed them. In this connection there is too much reliance on a list such as Hodges because Hodges discontinues some issues from year to year and unless one uses bank note lists from various periods one will omit many of them.

Although I enjoy editing the paper money listings which have been submitted, I agree with you that the work is in many cases very poor. When we receive a manuscript which has misspellings, is incomplete, and not thought through, I have very little desire to work on it. A few, however, have done superb work.

Thank you for your nice remarks about EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA. We are making changes constantly in it with the hope that a revised edition will be able to be published in the future.

When you acquired the Blanchard material did you get any Missouri notes?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

Box 165
Glen Ridge, N. J.
June 4, 1969

Dear Eric:

In answer to your question, Doc. Blanchard had very few Missouri notes. In fact, he told me that long ago he mislaid the envelope containing most of his Missouri items and he suspected that it might have gone into the waste basket!

I have only a few Missouri items, as follows:

$ 3, 5 & 10	Bank of Missouri dated 1818
$20	Bank of the State of Missouri (ctft) supposedly by Toppan, Carpenter & Co.
2	Bank of St. Louis (proof)
10	" " "
5	Farmers Bank of Missouri(proof)
50	Bank of the State of Missouri (proof)

I also have an uncut proof sheet $1-2-3-5 of E.W.Clark & Bros., Bankers, payable in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis, as I recall it. I showed this to you at the Cleveland ANA Convention.

Be glad to send you photocopies of any of the above items. Incidentally, Roy Pennell may possibly have some Missouri notes.

Yours truly,

George Wait

P.S. The book just arrived!

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 10, 1969

Mr. George Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

Thank you very much, for your information as to Missouri items.

Dr. Blanchard sold me, many years ago, two Missouri proofs with matching vignettes but I never saw any other Missouri items which he had.

I would very much like to have photocopies of the four proofs which you list to compare with other notes as there are several varieties of some of the proofs. Please indicate any colors on the photocopies so that I can have that data.

I hope to see you in New York at the New York Numismatic Club meeting and thank you for your cooperation.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ENN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 25, 1969

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

Thank you for the photocopies of your Missouri notes.

Since you like the Bank of St. Louis pieces so much, and I cannot blame you, I was wondering if you will part with the Farmers Bank $5. If you would like something else in trade for it I will gladly look for something which will appeal to you; otherwise you may set a cash price, if you prefer.

All four of those you sent me pictures of are apparently from Julian Blanchard's collection.

You were very nice to relay Herb Oechsner's comments and it was a pleasure to meet him after his correspondence with me over the many years.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

FORM #105

July 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. George W. Wait | FROM

Dear Mr. Wait:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 27, 1969, to Mr.Eric P. Newman.

Mr. Newman is on vacation at the present time and I will bring your letter to his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ann Barrett
Secretary to Mr. Newman

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

June 27, 1969

Dear Eric,

Yes, I obtained three of my Missouri proofs from the Blanchard collection - all but the Farmers Bank proof which I had for many years - but I think I bought the die proof of the vignette from Doc. All notes were remounted on my black paper - you will recall that Doc liked white so this way our notes were distinguishable when in the same general exhibit.

The Farmers Bank proof has been repaired. I am willing to trade it, with the vignette, for a colored proof of Maine or Vermont. Considering that Missouri notes are generally worth more than those of New England, and considering that the vignette is thrown in, I figure this should be close to an even swap, but you may think otherwise. In fact, since the proof has been repaired, you may not want it at all.

Best regards,

George

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 23, 1971

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear George:

I believe that some time ago you acquired an 1865 edition of Hodges Banknote Safeguard. My agent at the auction determined that I would not want to bid against you.

It so happens that I collect different editions of Hodges and finally succeeded in obtaining a duplicate of the 1863 edition in nice condition. I believe it is somewhat nicer than the 1865 one which you have.

Will you do me the favor of letting me exchange my volume with you? This would be most appreciated and since I am a bookworm, it would be most helpful. I will gladly send you my edition for inspection and will pay the postage expense.

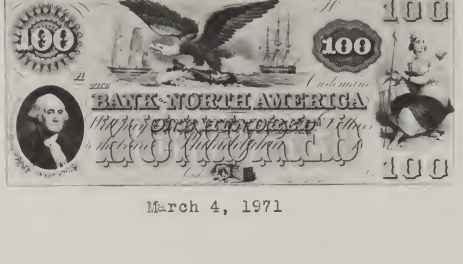
Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028



March 4, 1971

Dear Eric,

It is always nice to hear from you.

Your description as to why your "agent" didn't bid against me at that Philadelphia sale bothers me. In the interests of friendship to both parties I will not disclose the true facts of the case, but I will say that a mistake was made. No one ever refrained from bidding against me unless some special arrangement was made with me and none was made in this instance. My conscience on this is perfectly clear, particularly since I learned afterward from your agent (who was really very disturbed that I got the book) that it would have been mine anyway - I had planned, if necessary, to go much higher. In this sale I bought all of the booklet counterfeit detectors (there were quite a number of them) and the 1865 Hodges. I passed up the earlier Hodges because I have the 1862 edition, but now I'm sorry that I didn't get it, too - but perhaps the buyer would have run me up on it, and the 1865 book, too! I like the 1865 book because it includes the latest information before the state notes were discontinued, also a little bit of U.S., thereby showing the transition.

While I don't collect books as such, I do make good use of these counterfeit detectors. For example, I just sent photo copies of 65 pages of material on both genuine and counterfeit notes to Russ Rulau who is doing the Ohio book for the Society. I also sent about 55 pages to Terry Bryan for Delaware. I have supplied similar data to every researcher who has asked me for it, and I also use the books in my editing efforts.

My basic paper money collection is for sale - I plan to retire from my regular job shortly, and from then on my chief interest will be in writing about paper money. If the fates allow me the time, I will be writing or helping the new state listings and I also have some other projects in mind.

While I used to collect coins and tokens and still have a collection, I try to maintain a fairly comprehensive library only on paper money, not just to have the books as such, but to use them as references. Since you are an expert in all fields of numismatics, your library is undoubtedly immense.

With the above facts, I think I have indicated that I need this book - but there is another factor. While you were in New York recently I mentioned that the SPMC was having trouble financing its books. We had anticipated having a revolving fund whereby our printing costs would be liquidated by sales of previous books, but so far it hasn't worked out that way. If we decide to solicit the aid of the ANS, we would appreciate your help, since you carry a lot of weight in that organization. If the deal goes through, I would be willing to swap my 1865 Hodges for your 1863 and photo copy of the 1865. This would not be a bribe, but a token of appreciation for your assistance!

Best regards,

George

July 14, 1972

Mr. George W. Wait
P. O. Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey

Dear George:

I have two volumes of paper money from Maine, and I have a modest number of Bank Note Reporters from the early period. Whenever you want my assistance on your project, please let me hear from you.

I think your announcement in the "Paper Money Journal" is the most practical way to obtain cooperation.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:sw

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

July 25, 1972

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN, Executive Vice President
and Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

It was real nice to hear from you and I look forward to your help with the Maine book. I have had a few replies to my ad, and I was pleasantly surprised not only with details of additional notes, but one person sent me a photostatic copy of an appendix to a book on the history of Maine banks containing some wonderful information.

I would like very much to see your Maine bank notes and scrip. As I see it, there are several ways this could be accomplished:

1. If your books are light, perhaps they could be included in your luggage for New Orleans. If they are heavy, this would not be reasonable.
2. The Western Reserve Historical Society just sent me photographs of their Maine Collection, 93 notes in all. They put three or four notes on a sheet and charged me ten dollars. I would, of course, be willing to pay the costs of your photostats but this might require removal from your binders and be too much of a chore.
3. If you have a list, I could probably pick out the ones I need for photographs for the book - I would like to have one of each issuer. The drawback here is that I wouldn't be able to notice varieties that may differ from what I've seen.
4. There is a probability that I may go to Denver later this year and if so, I could stop in St. Louis to see you.

I think I am quite well supplied with counterfeit detectors, ranging from 1835 to 1866. Incidentally, I am not using the Wismer lists, but going directly from Gwynne & Day, Hodges and Dye, with additions of the fradulent notes from the counterfeit detectors. At the end I will, of course, look at Wismer to see if he found something I didn't!

Best regards,

George

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 15, 1973

Mr. George Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear George:

The pleasant evening we had together went by so fast it must have been a success.

I hope we accomplished all that you wished. It is nice to know that we have many more things to talk over at a future date.

You asked for a copy of the Boston Gazette of February 17, 1812 and I enclose the appropriate portion.

You indicated that you had a number of counterfeit detectors and I would be appreciative if I could borrow them for study. They would be very helpful in the work which I am doing in this field.

My wife enjoyed meeting you and was satisfied that your retirement will be as exciting as your regular life has been. Come back again at any time.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

March 6, 1973

Dear Eric,

Your six notes were finally returned by my photographer and they are enclosed. Many thanks, also for the Zerox copy of that section of the Boston Gazette relating to counterfeit notes. It is the earliest listing of such that I have seen.

I consider the evening spent at your home, one of my finest, and I recall it with pleasant memories. The data gleaned from your collection will improve my Maine manuscript a great deal. Aside from that, it was a real pleasure to talk with someone so knowledgeable about paper money!

I am still troubled about that $5 Eastern Bank of Bangor. My present thinking is to call yours of Jany. 2nd 1860 genuine, and mine of later dates, counterfeit. However, I neglected to make note of the back of your note. If you can describe it to me in a future letter, I would be appreciative.

Have informed Candler Leggett of your kind offer to look over the Mississippi manuscript for possible omissions and you may be hearing from him. I told him you had an outstanding collection with many candidates for listing.

Have gathered together my Heath detectors and will send them to you in several packages over the next couple of weeks. I am sending four of the large size and seventeen small size. The large size will be mailed first.

Please thank your wife for the wonderful hospitality - and tell her that she is the best looking grandmother I know!

Best regards,

George

P.S. Do you have the $2 note of Pioneers Association of Lafayette, Indiana? If so, does it have a Conestoga wagon on it?

Still Bank
Portland Maine

Maine Bank Notes
2/14/73 Borrowed from
ER Newman for photography

#1 E. D. Haley Commission Grup
#1 Oakland Bank, Gardiner
2¢ Gerrish; unsigned
#5 Franklin Bk #677
#5 Richmond Bk
#10 Farmers Bk, Georgetown

Receive above six notes for photos
photos and return
George Wait
2/14/73

Returned
3/6/73

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 15, 1973

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear George:

In answer to your letter of March 6, 1973, I find that the reverse of my $5 Eastern Bank, Bangor, Maine is a green emblem with the American B nk Note Company printed below it in two places and the word "Boston" printed below the center. I definitely feel it is genuine even though the face number is printed.

I do not have a Pioneer Association of Lafayette, Indiana $2 note. I have looked for it for many, many years, as I have both the $1 and the $5.

I have about six notes altered from the $2 note, one of which is the International Bank, Portland Maine. It does have a Conestoga wagon on it.

You made my wife's day by letting me show her your letter. She is now playing with three of our grandchildren who are visiting us while their parents go skiing.

I look forward to checking the Heath Detectors.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 27, 1973

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear George:

So far 17 small Heath's and 4 large Heath's have arrived. I want to be sure that this is the total which you have sent. If there are more to come, please let me hear from you. I never dreamed you had such a fine group of them.

Thank you for your nice letter.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

Xerox forwarded 6/18/75

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

June 4, 1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Executive Vice President
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P.O. Box 14020, St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for listing those New Jersey notes.

11/15/1862 Millville NJ 50¢

I would appreciate a photo copy of these:

1. $3 Bank of New Brunswick 1810
2. $5 State Bank proof early type
3. $1, 3 Morris County Bank proofs
4. $3 Trenton Banking Co. 1807
5. 10cts M. Uhler on Union Bank of Frenchtown

I would like to borrow these in order to have a picture made:

1. Either of the Wm. J. Taylor, sutler notes. I would like a photo copy of the other.
2. $5 Rockaway Bank
3. $5 Kents Restaurant (Depression scrip)
4. $1 Atlantic City " "
5. 25¢ Blackwell, Jewett & Co. Hopewell

the 5 right

Please check your 10 cent Ellisburg note. My records indicate a date of 11/8/62. You list it as 11/3/62. I suspect your note may be worn, hence the discrepancy - but if it really is 11/3/62, I would appreciate a photo copy.

If you are willing to loan me the five notes listed above for a few days, I will pay registration fees both ways. I would take them to a photographer in Brooklyn and wait until he pictures them, so they would not really leave my possession.

Many thanks for your help!

Best regards,

George

P.S. I found Boys Town and Western Reserve to be fabulous. Spent 1½ days in Boys Town and three days in Cleveland.

Yes

I think the Ellisburg note is of H. Fowler. Could your Atlantic City 3 cent note be of Robert B. Leeds? It appears to be Leeds in my example but I can also see where you might interpret the signature as Leech.

It is likely that your Columbus notes are of Benjamin Gibbs.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 18, 1975

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear George:

You will be surprised to learn that the Nebraska manuscript of Fred Marckhoff has been located among his brother's papers. I believe there was a promise that this would be used for the Wismer project and I would appreciate knowing from you who might be working on the matter. In the meantime I will have a xerox copy made. It is certainly fortunate that this material has been found after such a long time.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

June 30, 1975

Dear Eric:

Large Red Five
Red background overprint
Black base of
letters - 1919

Many thanks for the photostats. They are really clear. However, I do have one question - does the $5 Rockaway Bank have a large red FIVE and is the note itself mostly red?

I was much interested in the recovery of the Nebraska manuscript. Undoubtedly you know that James L. McKee compiled a Nebraska book to which some of us contributed, but it was not printed by SPMC. When I was at Boys Town recently, Mel Stark told me that he had heard rumblings that some Nebraska collectors were dissatisfied with McKee's job and might do it over.

My opinion is that either you or I should make a comparison of this manuscript with McKee's book to see whether there is enough of an improvement to warrant printing. If so, we could bring the subject up at the SPMC Board meeting in August.

Incidentally, about the time Fred died, there was a general feeling that a Kansas manuscript was also in the works. In fact, Fred used to talk more about Kansas than Nebraska!

Eric, about April, 1973, I loaned you a bunch of Heaths. Do you still have a need for them?

Best regards,

George

Re: Millville 56¢ — I have Schetter Glass Works 50¢ at Millville. If yours is something else, I'd appreciate a photo copy.

Yes

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 7, 1975

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear George:

The Rockaway does have a large red FIVE and does have a red overprint, except on the areas printed in black.

As to the Nebraska manuscript, why don't you write Mel Stark and ask him who would be the one to be interested in the Nebraska manuscript. Neither of us should have to study the matter as we are really not that familiar with it. It certainly could be brought up at the SPMC Board meeting.

I have no idea where the Kansas manuscript is and I suspect there were many things thrown away through ignorance and confusion.

Don't worry about the books. I just haven't been able to complete my research on them.

The Millville item may not be the one you mention as it is blank. A photocopy is enclosed.

My very kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah
Encl.

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

September 17, 1975

Dear Eric:

Am enclosing photos (faces and backs) of some early small sized scrip which you might find of interest in your new book. I'm sure you have the Paterson note.

As discussed in Los Angeles, it would be nice to receive any data on New Jersey Colonials (or early scrip) that you may care to send; full credit to be given in our book.

It was nice seeing you!

Best regards,

Jerry

encl.

P.S. Also have photos of 1 Penny and Four Pence, City of New Brunswick March 1776 which I can supply if you need them

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

December 16, 1975

Dear Eric:

Here is the Swan Island note. It was the best of the few notes I had and was pictured in my article in PAPER MONEY, fall 1965 issue.

It was nice talking to you and I'm looking forward to receiving whatever you care to furnish for my book. From what you said, I gather that the private issues will benefit me most. If you have any duplicate photos of them they would be a big help.

Best regards,

George

encl.

Sent 1/14/76

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 17, 1975

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Dear George:

Please send the Swan Island item.

I am enclosing photocopies of galley proofs showing New Jersey issues which are in addition to what was previously published. I hope this will help. I call your particular attention to the 1711 issue which has a new denomination, etc. I am glad to be of service and appreciate your willingness to refer to my book for further detail.

Best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 070

January 6, 1976

Dear Eric:

I am very grateful for the data sent to me. I am putting the serip notes in with my obsolete bank notes and later scrip.

Best regards,

Jerry

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 20, 1976

Mr. George Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear George:

I was so glad to hear from you. I had inquired from Lester Merkin about you before you wrote and he told me you got out of the No. 2 confinement promptly.

Please tell me the name and address of your daughter who moved here as perhaps I can help her on something - where to get it fixed, where to go for kicks, what historical or nature trips to take, etc.

As to your 1865 Hodges, will you be nice enough to let me have it in exchange for the 1863 edition whenever you are ready to part with it. That would suit me as I am sure you like it as much as I would. The editions are equally valuable. How about doing me that favor.

I have two books coming out this spring so I am as busy as you are with the D.C. project.

As to the Heaths, this was once a great collection, but it has been partially disposed of already, as you know. There are four of the large size, all of which I have. If these are worth $140 each, that is $560. Then you have priced the balance at $640. There are four small ones I don't have, two of the early type, a second edition and a third edition. Will you take $200 for these four as I'm not cherry picking? As you know, I'm not commercial, otherwise I'd probably buy the rest.

I have studied them endlessly and still find minor variations which cannot be explained except by the general confusion in binding them. It seems that they changed text and pictures constantly. I plan to write up all I know about them in due course.

Please take it easy, care for your health, and keep enjoying your obsoletes.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

GEORGE W. WAIT
Box 165
GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07028

April 26, 1976

Dear Eric:

A local dentist has taken an interest in Heaths and has tentatively offered me $1200 for the lot, so if you will return them, I think I can dispose of them all in one sweep. My opinion is that if he buys them all he will soon lose interest in handling that many and some will be available later on. I can keep an eye on this and let you know whether he will part with some - in that way you could quite likely get the ones you want without being loaded up with the others. I told him that you had first opportunity on the whole lot if you wished. Incidentally, since your 1963 Hodges is probably a duplicate, I think I can make you an attractive deal - send it to me and $1000 and keep all the Heaths.

As for the other Hodges - undoubtedly you will get it eventually, being younger and in much better health!

Have been looking forward to your new "Early Paper Money of America." The publication of books is certainly a problem. My "New Jerseys Money" is apparently delayed by internal problems at the printer and if I see it before July 1, I think I will be lucky. My Maine book is also still being worked on. These may be breaks for me, since reading proofs for long stretches of time might not be favorable to my continued existence!

Your inquired about my daughter. She is Mrs. Thomas Cantwell (Nancy) and lives in a small, just completed house at 346 Bellestri Drive in Manchester, [redacted] She has just moved in and is busy arranging the place, after which she hopes to find a secretarial job. She is a Katherine Gibbs liberal arts graduate (supposedly 1 year of college and 1 year secretarial) so shouldn't have too much trouble, although after graduation she wasted a lot of time as a medical secretary and lost some of her skill at taking dictation. She is used to a dictaphone and her typing is tops, from what I've seen. Before moving to Missouri, she was a secretary for Western Electric (where her husband is an engineer) but the W. E. branch near her new home now has a surplus of secretaries so it will be a while before she can get in there.

Nancy is very pleased with her new environment and has found her neighbors very friendly. Most of the W. E. employees have gone through the moving experience since that branch is comparatively new and they are willing to look after the newcomers. She knows about you - I described your beautiful home after my visit (1973, I guess) and when she left for Missouri, I told her she was moving into your general area. [illegible] 27.

I have two other daughters. The 30 years old is an Assistant Manager of Engineering for AT&T and has been going to NYU at night, now starting to write her thesis for her PhD. The 20 year old is a sophomore at Hood College in Maryland.

It is remarkable how word gets around among the numismatists [redacted]

Best regards,

[illegible]

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 17, 1976

Mr. George W. Wait
Box 165
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear George:

If your daughter Nancy doesn't get placed where she wants, please tell her to call me. She may not want to work downtown where I do because she lives far west.

Ken Bressett told me that 2/3rds of the pages of my book are ready, but the balance need checking by me. I agree with you that proof reading is a bore, but very necessary. A new book on Colonial Coins by Sanford Durst even has an error in the title. Thank you for inquiring.

You say I will undoubtedly get your 1865 Hodges (for my 1863 Hodges) but I certainly have no more assurance than you that I'll be around. I know many people who have had several heart attacks and now are better than ever. Let's both take care of ourselves and live a long time as we both have much to accomplish. I don't need the Hodges soon, so keep me from getting it by keeping active in numismatics.

From one of your prior letters I think you do not realize that you have 21 Heaths (17 small and 4 large). If I subtract 4 @ $140 from $1200, I get $640 for the 17 small ones. This is an average of $37.65 each. I offered you $50 each for 4 of them I don't have which are scattered among editions (not the best) and not cherry picking. Why don't you let me do this.

As an alternate I can give you 2 duplicates I have which you don't have and send $100.

I would take the group if I were commercial, but I don't sell things as a matter of principle and I don't have room for duplicates to hold for a trade.

Go along with my thought. I recently arranged a sale of a Swan Island note for you for $500 and was glad to do it. I don't want a favor for doing it, but you did save a commission.

If you agree with me I won't consider you a softy.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

GEORGE W. WAIT
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Dear Eric:

This is just to let you know that three of my four Heaths in which you were interested are going in the November 13th NASCA auction. They are numbers 1397, 1398 and 1402. I didn't supply the descriptions!

Please remember me to Evelyn.

Best regards,

George